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Applicant : M. ARAKI et al
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of September 29, 2004
Applicants respond as follows.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of
claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.